

Application based on PCT/EP04/000568
Preliminary Amendment
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 26, with the following amended paragraph:

- 5 In a preferred embodiment the actuating element is a spring arrangement, in particular a leaf-spring arrangement, which has a substantially tangential directional component relative to the central longitudinal axis of the valve stem. The actuating element may be arranged at an acute angle ($\leq 90^\circ$) ~~[sic]~~ relative to an active surface of the engagement element.